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Yours respectfully,

I am writing to explain a meeting that took place here in my home last night, between eleven and twelve o'clock. I was in bed reading when a knock came to the house, and I saw a letter a knock came to the door and I told them to come in. They sat down and I said that I might just remain in bed while they explained the reason for their coming, so late at night. It was a delegation from the Geyserville group of Indians. First they wanted to know how some Geyser Steel, a total stranger to their band, was living on the Lyton place that was bought for the Geyserville Indians, and had not been sold. Indians had been completed before anything was done on the Lyton place. Only that steel was "proble maker" never he came in contact with Indians. They further said that Bert Steel had made the Geyser Steel, out started the Geyserville Indians when he got himself into the place. Also, they said, Bert had come to the Geyserville of some country and asked for a deputy's badge, in the hope that he might get the law on the other Indians in case they were any violent moves to get him off the place. ----- some trouble brewing there. My un-official position is that of peace-maker, whether I like it or not. This comes from the fact that I, for many years, in times gone by, acted the role of leader for them. I have been looking away from this role for the past few years, desiring to be doing things for my people, and partly to a desire to get away from all the fuss and bother that is met with in the Indian groups. But, I suppose, I will never be able to get away from it entirely. In the last few months, a strong pressure has been brought to bear to consent to being drafted as a delegate to Washington, so far I have been unsuccessful in resisting this pressure. So it goes: - - - - - I like to see this delegation from Geyserville is composed of very fine Indians, despite that some of them are ardent collectors. One thing is obvious, to me, from their talk, and that is that collect will be expected to in the event that their wishes are ignored in the premises. They did not seem to be in a hurry to discuss this thought in their talk. No Indian language was used on their part at no point in the discussion, but one could see the outcroppings of deep seated determination in their demeanor; noble Indian land-holding.

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